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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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For: **Method for Producing Sterile Polynucleotide Based Medicaments**
Inventors: GEALL *et al.*
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111; and
2. One (1) return postcard.

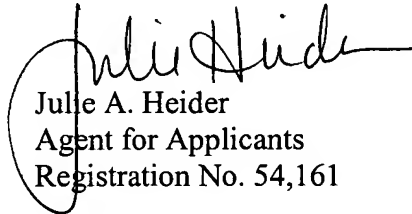
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Respectfully submitted,

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In reply to the Office Action dated March 29, 2006, Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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